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SAN DIEGO'S EXAMPLE.

San Diego, after years of promotion work, is beginning to grow into its destiny as an important seaport town. After the boom of 1886-87, the place became moribund and the population, which was estimated at 40,000 when times were good, sunk to 17,000 and began to live on faith, hope and charity. The greatest of these was charity. Los Angeles, which was the focus-point of west-bound travel, was in the way of a renewal of San Diego's growth, and when that city got a harbor appropriation for San Pedro, its primacy even as a seaport seemed assured. As many people as could go left San Diego and those who stayed spent the time in looking for the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Expecting that new railroads would come some fair morning, bringing the fugitive boom to its own again, the Bay and Climate people went to sleep. At least all of them did but a few who realized that if the town was ever to amount to anything it must go into the fight for tourists and stay there until it had made good. There was little hope of railroads and land-booms in a dead town.

It was a wise decision the few alert spirits made. They knew that on a fair comparison of summer and winter climates, San Diego could take the first place among California cities. Los Angeles was hot in summer and chilly in winter, but San Diego's summer mean temperature of 70 and winter mean temperature of 60 were rarely disturbed by "unusual weather." With wind of an average velocity of five miles an hour, with an average yearly rainfall of 10.51 inches, with an average change in temperature from day to day of two degrees, with only an average of three days a year without sunshine. San Diego had the strongest kind of attractions for tourists. All that was lacking was the power to make them known; the magnetism to divert the human stream that was pouring into Los Angeles and making it great; the public spirit to make the real capital of the region—its healthful climate—pay quarterly dividends.

So the up-to-date men in the community, with H. P. Wood (formerly of Hawaii) as an inspiring spirit, went to work with a vim to spread the fame of San Diego. Hundreds of tons of promotion literature were sent away annually. For a time results were slow; but they came after a while with a rush of winter tourists to be followed later by a rush of summer ones; and now comes the tide of permanent settlers. More than a million dollars' worth of building permits were issued in San Diego last year, and the number this year is doubling. First the tourist, then the home-builder, is the story of all Southern California's progress. People who find a place where life is pleasant and healthful the year around and where the thread of existence runs without friction are loath to leave it. Los Angeles and now San Diego are proving how many of them stay.

Is there not a lesson in this for Honolulu—a lesson in tireless, persistent, energetic building up of tourist trade? In Hawaii, as Dr. David Jordan said in his class address about Mrs. Stanford, the California climate reaches perfection. Our airs are softer, our sunshine warmer, and, again, the land is greener, the scenery more impressive, the population more varied, the spectacles of natural force and energy more wonderful. There ought to be thousands of tourists here every year. They should come to Hawaii in summer when the fruits are ripe, as well as in winter when the air is tonic. There is no comfort found in California they would lack; and once here, seeing for themselves, a fair proportion of them would stay.

Hawaii, when it realizes what a capital it has in climate and scenery, will borrow a leaf from the tourist history of Los Angeles and San Diego, and, by giving its Promotion Committee all possible aid, find itself again on the highroad of prosperity—not a highroad for the few, but for the many.

ARREST OF LAWLESSNESS.

The government of Japan, if it has the power to do so, should immediately take drastic and effective measures to restrain the turbulence and violence of its subjects on the Hawaiian Islands. Of course, it has no legal jurisdiction in this Territory, but, as a power friendly to the United States, it can indirectly exercise an authority that would relieve the Territorial and Federal government from the necessity of suppressing riots by military force.

The sympathy of the American people has been, on the whole, extended to Japan in its present war with Russia, simply because they believe its course to be just and that it has fully entered into the family of civilized nations. That, however, has nothing to do with the local attitude of Japanese laborers, between sixty and seventy thousand in number, who are making themselves conspicuous and dangerous by their insubordination, clamor, puerile demands and paroxysms of anger. They live better and receive higher wages than they could have done at home. They have been placated by unnecessary concessions in order to avoid the labor difficulties they precipitate. They have had the full protection of American law. But a point is now reached where it is indispensable that they should be compelled, if necessary, to stop their outrages and identify themselves with peace and order.

The American people are very patient and long-suffering. When they do act, however, it is to some purpose. The Japanese laborers must be taught that they cannot run these Islands, disturb agriculture and manufacture and initiate senseless raids, merely to suit themselves. At home, this class is at once protected and restrained. Here they will have to submit to the same conditions. They must be accorded their rights, not their assumptions, and must not demand greater privileges than citizens of the United States profess.

The Saturday half-holiday granted their clerks by E. W. Jordan and B. F. Ehlers & Co., will set the pace, we hope, for other progressive firms. For the summer months, especially, a general half-holiday is desirable, and that would be a very small concession to a climatic need which is so fully met elsewhere in the tropics that stores close daily during the hottest hours. Several years ago the Young Woman's Christian Association began moving in this matter, making arguments which were easier to ignore than to meet. Gradually the spirit of the cause spread, the hardware stores succumbed to it, and now a practical start among dry goods stores has been made which, we trust, will eventually shut the business section up on Saturday at the same hours the banks close. It might be added that the Hawaiian Gazette Co., has given the majority of its employees a Saturday half-holiday for years, so the advice of this paper in the matter has the backing of a self-imposed example.

His Lordship Bishop Willis is no longer indignant at the barefaced attempts of white men to enforce honest government in Polynesian islands. It is with much satisfaction that he recounts the story that two Tongan cabinet ministers were forced out by a visiting white commissioner and their places given to Britishers. Some financial discipline which was meted to the King also receives Episcopal approval. His Lordship has so greatly changed since the days when he fought for native rule in Hawaii and against the reforms brought in by the intolerable Yankee, that his former diocese could hardly be expected to know him at sight. Imagine, if you can, "Alfred Honolulu" in the act of condoning the ruthless brutality by which interloping white men have curbed the divine right of a Polynesian ruler to govern wrong.

It is a relief to learn that there is no polygamy in Hawaii, and that nothing worse afflicts the ham-sandwich isles of that sunny ocean than the old-established flea pest and a few isolated cases of leprosy.

—Los Angeles Times.

These Islands have no flea pest, but if they had it would be a more endurable scourge than that to which Los Angeles is subjected at the hands of the Times.

The good faith of the President in his war on trusts and rebates is shown in the sudden retirement of Paul Morton from the cabinet after the exposure of one of his shady railroad speculations. Mr. Morton ceased to be a Democrat when he entered the President's official family, but he did not cease to be a railroad man.

The Democrats who want the Home Rule people to fuse with them are the same ones who tried, last year, to make the Home Rule leaders fuse with the chain-gang.

Sam Johnson is the first Russian officer to rout the Japanese. The Czar ought to wig-wag for him before the next battle begins.

NANCE O'NEILL GREET
OLD HONOLULU FRIENDS

Nance O'Neill, the emotional actress, passed through Honolulu yesterday on the Sierra en route to Australia where an engagement is to be played.

Miss O'Neill had hopes of giving a matinee here, but arrangements to that effect did not materialize, and Honolulu failed of an opportunity to see a player to whom they had become attached, during her visit here several years ago.

Miss O'Neill was met at the wharf yesterday by Mrs. F. W. Klebahn, an old friend, and during the day she was the guest not only of Mrs. Klebahn, with whom she lunched, but of Mrs. E. D. Tenney and the Misses Walker. All formed a merry party aboard the Sierra last night shortly before the steamer sailed.

Miss O'Neill had little to say of her experiences in the East, and especially of her trials and tribulations with New York audiences, with whom she failed to make a hit, although a Boston engagement just previous was a great success. Just before leaving San Francisco a writ of attachment was served on Miss O'Neill at the instance of J. G. De Forest on an assigned claim held by the Pacific Storage Company for a storage bill. The Sheriff's deputies levied on the scenery and trunks of Miss O'Neill's company at Pacific-street dock just prior to her departure for Australia. John B. Schoeffel claimed the property, and De Forest being unwilling to put up a bond of \$20,000 to secure Schoeffel, the attachment was released.

McKee Rankin accompanies Miss O'Neill, and in the company are also John Glendinning, Andrew Robson, George Friend, A. M. Sheehan, Miss Ricca Allen, Miss Jane Marbury, Miss Madge Bloodgood and Mrs. Henry Bracy.

Miss Ricca Allen was with Miss O'Neill during her last engagement in Honolulu. Miss Bloodgood is making her first trip away from the United States.

NAVY PEOPLE
DANCED AT YOUNG

The breeze-swept roof garden of the Alexander Young Hotel was thronged last evening with guests bidden to the dance given for the officers and passengers of the naval transports Sohace and Lawton. The ball room was filled from early in the evening until a late hour with dancers, the white uniforms and brass buttons of the naval officers making a pleasing appearance. The music was furnished by the Kawaihau Quintette Club, the musicians appearing in their natty white uniforms, relieved by red Spanish sashes. The band from the U. S. S. Lawton was unable to be present, but the quintette music was sufficient to give pleasure to those attending.

W. M. GRAHAM
HOME FROM EAST

W. M. Graham returned yesterday on the Sierra from an extended business trip east, and will remain here for some time. Mr. Graham has been in New York most of the time financing the Chinese concession which he obtained during his visit to the Chinese Empire last year.

"I have a favorable report to make on the concession," said Mr. Graham last evening. "The matter was taken to quite ready."

Mr. Graham is glad to be home again, although he has only praise for the bracing weather of the metropolis.

POLITICAL CAULDRON

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as a strong vote-getter that he may be as great a temptation to ticket-makers as the office of deputy sheriff is to him. Then, possibly, Vida may have such a pull in Republican politics as to bring about Kalakala's retirement, for some compensation, in his favor.

FOUND "NATURE MAN."

Another "nature man" was pulled in by the police early this morning. He was a native and from appearances had been fishing in the river. Aside from a coat of mud nature had been little improved on in his costume. Evidently he had paraded too freely of the "fisherman's joy" for he was found near the car track on Hotel street between Maunakea and Smith.

STRIKERS ARRESTED.

Eight Japanese, Matsuoka, Nagasaki, Matsushima, Arita, Kunob, Ogawa, Sakaguchi and Kubo were arrested yesterday afternoon on bench warrants issued by Judge De Bolt. They were concerned in the recent strike at Alea and were indicted for conspiracy by the Territorial Grand Jury.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Charlottenburg is the first German commune to appoint a woman school doctor.

At the University of Heidelberg the first woman student of theology was regularly matriculated this year.

Both at Bonn and at Breslau new colleges for girls have been opened, offering a six-years' course after graduation from the high school.

In India only about three per cent. of the girls attend public school, but the government of India in its educational resolution states that in trying to promote the education of girls a far greater proportional impulse is imparted to the educational and moral tone of the people than by the education of the men.

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